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The Secretary of State has sent the following messages to the Foreign Ministers of the United Kingdom and Egypt on the occasion of the accord reached on the Sudan.

Following is the text of the message to Foreign Minister Anthony Eden:

"Achievement of the Sudan accord by the British and Egyptian Governments is indeed gratifying to the United States. As it affects the Sudanese, it is in the best tradition of British regard for the orderly political evolution of a people towards self-government, and is a tribute to the patient statesmanship which your Government has consistently addressed to this difficult problem.

"I believe the settlement is one which the three peoples concerned -- British, Egyptian and Sudanese -- can view with equal satisfaction as appropriate to their respective interests, and as providing a solid foundation for friendly, mutually beneficial future relationships.

"This amicable accord may well be the first step towards the establishment of more fruitful associations in an area of critical importance to the security of the free world."

Following is the text of the message to Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi:

"The United States is gratified that an agreement on the Sudan has been arrived at by Egypt and the United Kingdom. This is a truly important occasion. It affords an opportunity for me to express my Government's pleasure at the spirit in which these difficult negotiations were carried out.

"My Government trusts that the same spirit of good will and cooperation will characterize the transitional period preceding the decision by the Sudanese people of their future status. The amicable resolution of this long outstanding question goes far towards creating an atmosphere of mutual understanding and trust in the Near East which can only result in great benefits for all the nations of the free world.

"My Government continues to follow with interest and sympathy the progressive attitude and energetic efforts of the Government of General Naguib to meet and overcome the internal problems which face the Egyptian people. The United States wishes the Egyptian Government every success in its efforts."

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